

FIRE EATING
UP VILLAGEPhilipsburg, Pa., Business
District Threatened

NEIGHBORS ARE CALLED ON

By Middle of the Forenoon, Telephone
Building Was in Ruins and the
Opera House Was Doomed.
Loss Then Was \$30,000.

Altoona, Pa., Dec. 30.—Fire which started in the Schooner block in Philipsburg this forenoon threatens to destroy the business district of that place. The telephone exchange building is in ruins, and the opera house is doomed. Aid has been summoned from neighboring towns, and at 10 o'clock the fire was not under control. The damage at that hour was \$30,000.

MILLION DOLLAR
FIRE AT MASSINASwept the Harbor Front and Was Placed
Under Control To-day—Troops
Called Out to Quell
Flames.

Massina, Dec. 30.—The fire which started yesterday among the wooden buildings along the harbor was put under control to-day. The loss is placed at \$1,000,000. The post office, the telephone office and the station are included in the buildings burned. Troops were called out to prevent the spreading of the flames.

FIRE AT BANGOR

Damaged Stock in Store of J. C. White
& Co.

Bangor, Me., Dec. 30.—The stock of the J. C. White & Co. dry goods store on Main street, owned by Mrs. Fred H. White, was badly damaged by smoke last night, during a fire that originated from the furnace in the basement. A small quantity of goods was burned and the building, which is owned by E. W. Hill, was slightly damaged. Mrs. White's loss will probably be about \$5,000, covered by insurance.

Smoke penetrated the music store of the M. H. Andrews company adjoining. The damage there will probably be \$1,000, also insured. The upper floors of the White building were occupied by several tenants. Mrs. Samuel Veasey, who was ill on the third floor, was brought out on a bed by the police, and Mrs. Perry Southard, who lived on the fourth floor, helpless from rheumatism, was also taken out by the police.

The main parlor of Ward & Walker on the second floor were damaged by smoke.

THREE HURT.

Women Injured In Course of Slight Fire
at Portland.

Portland, Me., Dec. 30.—Two women were burned, but neither of them seriously, and another had her shoulder dislocated in a fall down the front steps during a fire yesterday in the rear of a three-story brick dwelling at 62 Hampden street. Mrs. John E. Sawyer was scorched about the face and overcome by smoke for a short time. Her burns were only superficial, but she was taken to a hospital. Her daughter, Miss Lillian Sawyer, received slight burns on the hands and feet. Miss Catherine Snow, who sent in a still alarm which was followed by a bell alarm, fell headlong down the front steps just after she had returned to gather some of her belongings. Mrs. Sawyer and her daughter were taken down from their apartments by Police Officer George Chandler.

SPECTACULAR BLAZE.

Destroyed Two Hotel Stables in Dexter,
Me., Last Night.

Dexter, Me., Dec. 30.—In the most spectacular fire here in years, the two Dexter hotel stables on Spring street, were destroyed last night. The fire started at 8:40 and is supposed to have raged from a chimney in one of the stables.

The flames spread great headway before the first alarm was rung. Eight streams of water were trained on the fire and nearby buildings and the firemen made a hard fight to prevent the fire spreading, the stables being in a longed locality.

The 10 or more horses in the stables were rescued, including a trotter owned by William L. Davis, proprietor of the Dexter house. Mr. Davis was overcome by the smoke and required the services of physicians.

TWO SISTERS PERISH.

Little Girls Burned to Death In Their
Home at Columbus.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 30.—Myrtle Sheets, age 4, and Margaret Sheets, age 3, were found burned to death yesterday by their mother, who returned to her home from an errand to a grocery store on the west side. She left the children playing with their Christmas presents, and they were found clasped in each other's arms with their clothing burned. It is supposed one of them got too near the open gas fire and her dress caught fire from the flame.

Athens, Dec. 30.—Reports from Ellis, a southern Greece, indicate that many villages were wrecked in yesterday's earthquake. It is believed there were many casualties, but details are lacking.

SEVENTEEN VICTIMS
AT PITTSFIELDDied at the Hospital To-day—An In-
vestigation Is Started, and an
Inquest Will Be Held Later.

Pittsfield, Mass., Dec. 30.—Fred Doucage died at the hospital here to-day from injuries received in the boiler explosion yesterday at the plant of the Newwood Lake Ice company, making a total of seventeen victims. An investigation was begun to-day under chief boiler inspector McNeil and three deputies. An inquest will be held before Judge Burke later. The other dead are: William Dunn, engineer; George Ward, fireman; John Raymond, carpenter; Edgar Allen, employee; Leo Termande, M. P. Smith, Wyatt Moore, William Papoon, Alfred Bence, Frederick Rither, Elmer Eldridge, James McNulty, George Houghtaling, Joseph Gallego, all laborers; unidentified laborer.

The city council yesterday afternoon passed resolutions with a view to supplying the wants of those left fatherless and to help the injured. Within a short time nearly \$3,000 was subscribed. Physicians, ambulance and undertakers were rushed to the city to the lake and the injured men brought to the hospital here. In some instances the bodies of the dead were so badly mutilated that identification was impossible for many hours.

Parts of the bodies were found some 100 to 200 feet from the site of the destroyed building. The boiler house and the boiler were broken into hundreds of pieces. The icehouse was damaged but little and the entire monetary loss will not exceed \$500.

GERMANS HARD LOSERS.

Protest Against Americans Winning
Balloon Race Answered.

New York, Dec. 30.—Alan R. Hawley summarized in a sentence last night his opinion of the protest made yesterday at Berlin against the balloon America by the Lower Rhine Aeroplane association. "They're awful hard losers," he said.

"The facts of the matter are these," he continued. "The America was duly selected to represent this country in the last international balloon race by an elimination trial and the record of our part in that race is embodied in our log. That seems to dispose of the first ground of complaint that we did not enter in advance as provided by the rules. As for the contention that we failed to furnish documents attesting our landing place, the facts are directly contrary."

"We consider that the America's log for her winning trip was the best kept by any balloon that entered the race. The original is now in the hands of Augustus Post but a copy has been submitted to the Aero Club of America. We were provisioned and equipped to stay in the north a month longer if it had been necessary. We had blankets, sweaters, matches, water-tight cases and every other small necessity carefully provided in advance. Most of the foreign contestants left better shelter and were forced to drop out by reason of their poor equipment."

NO SUITABLE PLACE

For Memorial Painting of Mrs. Howe in
Faneuil Hall.

Boston, Dec. 30.—More definite reasons for the failure of the municipal art commission to approve of a plan to place a memorial painting of Mrs. Julia Ward Howe in historic Faneuil hall were given in a letter sent last night by Chairman Thomas Allen of the commission to the Rev. Charles W. Wendte, secretary of the Julia Ward Howe memorial committee. Mr. Allen says the hall already is overcrowded with portraits, some hung so high and others so badly lighted that it is impossible to recognize either the painter or the painted. The only space left is along the gallery balustrade and there a painting not only would interrupt the outlook of persons in the gallery but could not be seen to advantage. Chairman Allen repeats the previous suggestion of the commission that a marble bust of Mrs. Howe be made and placed in the public library.

FIERCE BATTLE IN MEXICO.

Rebel Leader Killed, Revolutionists
Strengthened Taken.

Galveston, Texas, Dec. 30.—Confirmation of the capture of the revolutionists' stronghold of northern Mexico, in the state of Chihuahua, by government troops, was received in private dispatches to-day. Col. Gustman, the rebel leader, died of his wounds. Gen. Escudero led the government troops in yesterday's fierce battle, losing 14 men. The rebels lost a few.

CHELSEA.

Deputy Sheriff Tracy Serves a Warrant
Five Months Old.

Deputy Sheriff George A. Tracy, who has had a warrant for the arrest of Warren Stearns for about five months, who dropped out of sight while the papers were being made out for his arrest, rounded up his man in South Woodstock Tuesday evening and brought him into town Wednesday, and on Thursday he was brought before Justice J. M. Comstock and a time was set for a preliminary hearing on January 7. Bail in the sum of \$1,000 was fixed for his appearance on that day, and the same was furnished by his two sons, Clarence D. Stearns of this town and Arthur E. Stearns of Williamstown, and he was released from custody.

Mrs. Emeline Noyes returned Saturday from a visit of several weeks with relatives and friends in Boston and vicinity.

Mrs. Bertha Berry Gilbert went last week to Boston for a brief visit to friends there and will visit friends in Lowell, Mass., also before she returns.

Eugene H. Kennedy, president of the Orange County Telephone company, went to Montpelier Thursday to attend a meeting of the officers of the independent telephone companies.

Mrs. Hannah Pratt of Rutland is spending the holidays with friends in town and is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Alice Hackett, who lives with her daughter, Mrs. Herman Slack, on the west hill.

CITY WORKERS
ON A STRIKEBecause They Didn't Like
Order by Mayor Gaynor

IN REDUCING EXPENSES

He Had Told Marine Firemen on Muni-
cipal Ferries to Do Work Not in Their
Department, and They Rebelled
Against It To-day.

New York, Dec. 30.—The marine firemen on the municipal ferryboats struck this morning, as the result of Mayor Gaynor's ordering the retrenchment of expenses and demanding that they do other work. The South Staten island and the South Brooklyn ferries were tied up as a result of the strike. Thousands of commuters were, therefore, put to inconvenience in getting into the city this morning.

STRIKE FOR MORE WORK.

Eighty Longshoremen Go Out at Port-
land—Places Promptly Filled.

Portland, Me., Dec. 30.—Eighty longshoremen, members of the local union, who are employed by Trefethen & Dugan, went on strike yesterday for more work. It has been the custom of the firm, when hired to unload wood pulp from incoming steamers, to also contract for loading the material upon freight cars at the same time.

Yesterday morning the work of unloading the steamers Hektor and Symra, which had just arrived with cargoes of wood pulp, was undertaken by the firm, but no contract had been made for loading the cargo onto the freight cars. When the longshoremen learned this, they immediately went on strike. The union men were put to work in place of the strikers, and the unloading of the steamers was continued.

For a time there were rumors of the possibility of a sympathetic strike all along the water front, but this did not materialize during the day.

DRY BY SINGLE VOTE.

Franklin, N. H., Had Previously Been
Announced as "Wet."

Concord, N. H., Dec. 30.—The city of Franklin went into the dry column as the result of the recount of the license vote at the State House yesterday, the vote being lost by a single vote.

According to the first election returns, the city was carried for license by one vote. Hon. John H. Albini appeared as counsel for the petitioners, and William J. Starr represented the other interested parties.

At the conclusion of the count Mr. Albini demanded that two votes in which the word "wet" appeared instead of the word "dry" be counted. The negative side of the ballot was counted, and also that two votes which were marked on both the "no" and "yes" side be counted in the "no" vote, as the intent of the voter was revealed in the heavier marking on that side.

Secretary of State Pearson declined to count the ballots as requested, and also declined to accept a request of Mr. Starr that a diagonal line across a "yes" square be recognized as complying with the law and the ballot counted. It is understood that the decisions of the secretary of state will not be contested and that no license will prevail in Franklin for the next four years.

Later yesterday afternoon, the recount of the license vote in Manchester went on at 1:30, and it is expected that it will take the time of the secretary of state and officials well through the remainder of the week.

WITH SKULL CRUSHED IN

Thomas Collins, Section Foreman, Was
Found at Wakefield, Mass.

Wakefield, Mass., Dec. 30.—Thomas Collins of this town, a section foreman on the Boston & Maine railroad, was found unconscious with his skull crushed in, beside the railroad track near the Wakefield Junction station yesterday, and the police have arrested Daniel Koller, a section hand, who was known to have been with Collins a short time before the man was found injured. A bloodstained shovel near the scene indicated that Collins had been beaten over the head.

After being attended by a local physician Collins was sent to the Massachusetts General hospital at Boston, where it was said that he probably would die. Collins is about 45 years old and married.

Koller was captured in Wakefield square shortly after 10:30 a. m. He offered no resistance to arrest, but refused to discuss the affair with the police. When asked if he had assaulted Collins with a shovel, Koller had admitted to have said to the officers, "that is up to you to find out."

After Collins fell, Koller walked away in the direction of Wakefield Junction, where he met Maurice W. Gerry, a towerman employed by the railroad, to whom he said, according to Gerry's report, "I have hit Tom Collins and I guess I'd better skip out."

Koller then went to his home, where he told his wife that he had had a fight with the boss. Mrs. Koller said that for several days her husband had been drinking and that when he went to work yesterday morning it was for the first time since before Christmas.

The alleged assault is said to have been witnessed by other members of the section crew.

BATTLESHIPS PLAYING WAR GAME

Cut Off Communication with Shore and
Started Westward.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—The American fleet of sixteen battleships to-day cut off communication with the shore and started westward, like war time, to play a war game, attacking the American coast against the defense of the defending cruisers.

GOODS APPRAISED

They Belong to Frank H. Partridge and
Were Seized at Montreal.

Burlington, Dec. 30.—An appraisal of the goods found in two trunks belonging to Frank H. Partridge of New York was made yesterday afternoon in the office of the United States marshal, Mr. W. S. Wager and W. A. Dobbie of E. D. Alsbath's store were the appraisers. The contents of the trunks consisted of wearing apparel for Mr. and Mrs. Partridge, and it is the intention of Mr. Partridge to furnish a bond for the value of the goods so that he may use them. The articles consisted of almost everything that could be worn, even to a dress suit for Mr. Partridge and a number of hats for Mrs. Partridge. The case is that of the United States vs. two trunks, as no charges have been made against Mr. Partridge for attempted smuggling. The property was seized in Montreal on October 24. The bond was furnished before United States Commissioner Vilas.

WILL IS SUSTAINED

In the Case of Frank Laraway in La-
moille County Court.

Hyde Park, Dec. 30.—In Lamoille county court in the case of Fred Laraway vs. estate of Frank Laraway, on trial the past eight days, in which about \$75,000 was involved, the jury held "that the instrument propounded is the last will and testament of Frank Laraway."

On Wednesday the case of State vs. Bert Smith of Hyde Park, charged with killing a deer last October, was tried. The jury found Smith guilty, and he was fined \$100 and costs, amounting to \$144.85. This makes four deer cases acted upon by the state's attorney at this term, all proving guilty and aggregating in fines and costs over \$500.

The jurors were discharged yesterday, having served 24 days, an unusually long term for this county.

MINISTER CONVICTED
OF SPEEDING AUTODr. W. D. Buchanan of Providence Tried
by Jury Yesterday Afternoon and
Was Found Guilty—He Took
Numerous Exceptions.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 30.—The Rev. Dr. Walter D. Buchanan, pastor of the Fourth Avenue Presbyterian church of New York, was found guilty of exceeding the automobile speed limit by a jury in the superior court here yesterday afternoon, after an all-day trial.

The clergyman was allowed seven days in which to file an appeal, and it is believed this will be done, as his attorney took numerous exceptions during the proceedings. Dr. Buchanan is a brother of the late Mrs. R. G. Dunn, widow of the founder of the mercantile agency of that name, and recently inherited an estate of several million dollars by her will.

Dr. Buchanan was arrested in Pawtucket for speeding on September 2 last. He appeared in the local district court, where, despite his protest that he drove better than anyone on earth or in heaven "that he was not violating the speed laws, the judge fined him \$15 and costs. He appealed and the case came up in the higher court here yesterday. The defendant was represented by John A. Tillinghast of Pawtucket and Elmer E. Cooley of Bennett & Cooley of New York as counsel.

ANXIOUS FOR HEARING.

Man Charged With Murder Urges
Prompt Disposal of Case.

Burlington, Dec. 30.—Sheriff Allen yesterday took John E. Cooper, who is in jail, charged with murder in the first degree for the killing of James Williams, to Winooski for a preliminary hearing before Judge Conlin. Owing to the fact that R. E. Brown, attorney for Cooper, is engaged in another case, the hearing was not held. Cooper is anxious for a hearing but State's Attorney Shaw stated yesterday that he thought Cooper should be properly represented and it is probable that the hearing will not be held until Attorney Brown is at liberty.

VERMONT STORE ROBBERY.

P. A. Weeks' General Store at West
Hartford Entered.

White River Junction, Dec. 30.—The general store of P. A. Weeks at West Hartford was entered sometime Wednesday night or early Thursday morning and cash of from \$5 to \$10 was taken from the money drawer. As yet there is no definite clue.

EAST BARRE.

Matt Hyland is suffering from an at-
tack of the gripe.

Ed. Normandeau was a business visitor in town today.

The World Granite company has suspended operations until after the holidays.

Mrs. Minard has been called to Starksboro by the illness and death of her mother.

Miss Grace Locklin, who has been ill for several days, was able to go to her home in Northfield yesterday.

Rev. Dr. E. A. Bishop of Montpelier will occupy the pulpit of the Congregational church the coming Sunday.

"Mr. Bob," a comedy play in two acts will be given in the opera house January 9. Watch for further particulars.

"Mr. Bob" will be sure to please the people of East Barre and vicinity. Come and see him at the opera house January 9.

Herbert Smith and Clarence Smith of Granville, arrested on a warrant by constable W. F. Cutler for being intoxicated Dec. 24, were brought before Justice A. C. Dickey last evening and both pleaded guilty and were fined \$11.94 each, which they paid.

There will be a basketball game in the Liberty hall Saturday evening, Dec. 31, between the East Barre A. C. and the Granville A. C. This is the first game of the season and is sure to be an interesting one. Game starts at 7 o'clock. Admission 15 cents.

At a regular meeting of Winooski council, No. 8, D. of P., the following officers were elected: President, Mary Labounty; warden, Estelle Lippin; prophetess, Nellie M. Lebas; poetess, Morris Lermond; keeper of records, Mary Bisson; collector of wampum, Mrs. Reed; keeper of wampum, Ralph Waterman; third year trustee, F. A. Lermond.

CUP AWARDS
FOR POULTRYMade at Closing Day of the
Vermont Poultry Assn. Show

GRANVILLE, N. Y., MAN WINS

Two of Them, He Being D. B. Braymer.
John P. Corakie of Barre and
Mrs. A. W. Allen. Also of
Barre, Other Winners.

The four silver cups offered at the Vermont Poultry association show were awarded this forenoon, as follows: Columbian Wyandottes, silver cup and best display, D. B. Braymer of Granville, N. Y.; Single Comb Black Minorcas, silver cup and best display to D. B. Braymer of Granville, N. Y.; Buff Orpingtons, silver cup and best display to John P. Corakie of Barre; Light Brahmans, silver cup and best display to Mrs. A. W. Allen of Barre.

The best display of Barred Plymouth Rocks was won by Frank Haynes of Barre and the best display of Buff Rocks by Charles Oliver of Barre. The awards in the remaining classes will be made late to-day. The show will close this evening at 10 o'clock.

Yesterday afternoon, many young people of the city took advantage of the "children's day" free admission and inspected the fowls and received valuable instruction from the judges and exhibitors in regard to distinguishing features of high-bred poultry.

Last evening in the Spaulding school chapel, W. H. Card, the first judge of the show, gave an interesting and instructive talk on poultry before an audience of 50 enthusiastic poultrymen and a half dozen poultrywomen. Mr. Card has given this lecture before many of the agricultural colleges of New England. He illustrated with drawings on the blackboard the comparative shapes and sizes and the distinctive features of the different high-class breeds of poultry. He stated in his talk that he saw two Wyandotte birds in the poultry show here that came nearest to the perfect shape of any he had seen in a long time.

The following is a list of the ribbon winners that have not already been printed:

Single Comb Brown Leghorns.
First cock, 1st hen, 1st cockerel, 1st and 2nd pullet, 1st pen chickens, R. C. Blodgett, Bristol.

Rose Comb Brown Leghorns.
First cock (best shape), William E. Blood, Townshend; 2d cock, George W. Barnard, Barre; 3d cock, W. J. Heney, Montpelier; 4th cock, W. E. Blood.

First hen (best shape and color), W. J. Heney, Montpelier; 2d hen, G. W. Barnard; 3d and 4th hen, W. E. Blood.

First cockerel (best color), C. H. Ely, Windsor; 2d cockerel, G. W. Barnard; 3d cockerel, Percy T. Eager, Barre.

First pullet, G. W. Barnard; 2d pullet, C. H. Ely; 3d and 4th pullet, Percy T. Eager.

Single Comb White Leghorns.
First hen and 1st cockerel, D. B. Braymer, Granville, N. Y.; 2d cockerel, Fred Hall, Barre.

Single Comb Buff Leghorns.
First hen (best shape and color), 2d and 3d hen, 1st and 2d cockerel, 1st pullet, 1st pen, Fred Stow, Montpelier.

Light Brahmans.
First cock (best shape and color), 2d and 3d cock, Mrs. A. W. Allen, Barre; 4th cock, A. J. Ritchie, Barre; 5th cock, James F. Ewing, Montpelier.

First hen (best shape), Mrs. A. W. Allen; 2d hen (best color), A. W. Ritchie; 3d and 4th hen, Mrs. A. W. Allen.

First cockerel, Mrs. A. W. Allen; 2d cockerel, A. J. Ritchie; 3d cockerel, J. F. Ewing.

First pullet, A. J. Ritchie; 2d pullet, Mrs. A. W. Allen; 3d pullet, J. F. Ewing; 4th pullet, Robert L. Weis, Claremont; N. H.

First pen fowls, Mrs. A. W. Allen.

Bronze Turkeys.
First cock, F. Hemenway, Chelsea; 1st hen, Mrs. Charles LePage, Barre; 2d hen, F. Hemenway; 3d hen, A. N. Stratton, Montpelier; 1st cock, A. N. Stratton; 1st cockerel, James J. Hogan; 2d cockerel, F. Hemenway; 3d cockerel, Mrs. Charles LePage.

Golden Polish.
First cock, 1st hen, 1st cockerel, Fred Strong, Montpelier.

Homer Pigeons.
First prize, Mrs. Charles LePage.

Fantail Pigeons.
First prize, E. H. Smith, Brookfield.

Indian Runner Ducks.
Harold Clark, East Montpelier, 1st drake and 1st duck; Fred Strong, East Montpelier, 1st, 2d and 3d young drake, 1, 2d and 3d young duck.

Pekin Ducks.
Mrs. Charles LePage, Barre, 1st drake and 1st duck.

Heathwood Pet Game.
S. N. Parker, Barre, 1st cock.

English Red Pyle Game.
Joseph Parker, Barre, 1st cock and 2d pullet.

B. B. Game.
Joseph Parker, 1st and 2d cock, 1st and 2d hen.

Irish Black Red Pet Game.
Joseph Parker, 1st prize.

ANNEXATION OF PORTUGAL

Believed to Be Near, and Spain Is Mas-
sing Troops on Frontier.

London, Dec. 30.—The annexation of Portugal by Spain is believed to be imminent, according to English officials, who declare that Spain is massing troops of Portuguese on the frontier, intending to interfere should the monarchal government throw the republic into war. The Spanish cabinet believes the seizure of Portugal will check republicanism and arouse the patriotism of the people.

CHELSEA IN MOURNING

For Three Respected People Who Died
This Week.

Chelsea, Dec. 30.—Miss Jane Laird, who was reported as dangerously ill at the home of her niece, Mrs. Arthur E. Stearns, in Williamstown last week, died Monday morning and her funeral was held from the Methodist church in place Wednesday.

Deating. The deaconess state library, which was 70 years old and is survived by several nephews and nieces. The interment was in the Laird family lot in Highland cemetery, the bearers being John M. Comstock, Will A. Hood, Eliza O. Bicknell and Will C. Goodwin. Miss Laird was a lady of the most strict integrity, and was ever reaching out to do some one a kindness and by her good works she was known to, and loved by, a large circle of friends who deeply regret and sincerely mourn their loss.

The funeral of Fred W. Lewis was held at the Congregational church on Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. John A. Lawrence officiating. There was an unusually large attendance of sympathizing friends and the flowers were profuse and beautiful. The members of George Washington lodge, No. 51, F. and A. M., of which he was a member, attended in a body, and there were also many members from various lodges in the surrounding towns in attendance. Following the closing remarks of the pastor the beautiful memorial service of the order was given by Harry E. Bryant, worshipful master of the lodge, and about fifty Masons were in line as an escort to Highland cemetery, where the interment was made, the bearers being Elgin D. Barnes, George M. Medcalf, Clarence H. Corliss, Ernest A. Corwin, Walter H. Emery and Fred A. Ordway, all of whom were members of the home lodge. The widow, little daughter and the sister, Mrs. A. W. Whitney, have the deep sympathy of the entire community in their great affliction. Among those from out of town who were here to attend the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stanley, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest M. Seaver of Washington.

In the midst of the gloom and sadness in which the people were involved, occasioned by the two funerals on Wednesday afternoon, came the news at the noon hour that Mrs. Julia Adams Bixby, wife of Frank E. Bixby, who had been failing continually, had passed away, which added another severe loss to the community and to a wide circle of friends outside the town, since the deceased was prominent in the grange and other social circles which gave her an unusually large acquaintance of friends, who will feel her untimely passing as a personal loss. She was the youngest daughter of the late R. Henri and Emma A. Adams and was born Feb. 22, 1872, and was married to Frank E. Bixby, June 28, 1894. Besides her husband, she is survived by one son, Gerald Adams Bixby; her mother, Mrs. E. A. Adams; a brother, B. H. Adams, all of this town and one sister, Mrs. Alma Adams Brown, of Cornish, N. H. The funeral will be held from her late home on South Main street, Saturday afternoon at one o'clock.

TWO LODGES PRESENT

At the Funeral of Mrs. Margaret Cluness
Yesterday Afternoon.

The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Cluness, who died Monday evening, was held from the home on Laurel street at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Rev. Edward C. Downey, pastor of the Universalist church, officiated. There was a large attendance of friends and relatives. Members of Ruth chapter, O. E. S., and of the Ladies of Clan Gordon were present in a body and the service of the Eastern Star was performed at the house. Miss Emma Phillips sang two beautiful selections. The pall bearers were John Reid, John Daniels, Alex. Milne, William McCarden, James Glass and James R. Conits. The interment was in the family lot in Elmwood cemetery.

RUDOLPH PATES' FUNERAL

Was Held Yesterday Afternoon from His
Late Home.

The funeral of Rudolph Pates was held yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock from his late home, No. 12 Foster street, Rev. J. W. Barnett officiating. The following flowers were contributed by friends: White carnations, Mrs. Pates and sons; white roses and carnations in wreath, Mr. and Mrs. McFarlan and family; carnations, Mrs. Cassanie, Phoebe and Ethel McCloud, Mr. and Mrs. Hendrick. Burial was in Wilson cemetery.

NAMED BY GOV. MEAD.

George T. Chaffee to Be Trustee of State
School of Agriculture.

Rutland, Dec. 30.—Gov. J. A. Mead yesterday appointed George T. Chaffee of Rutland to be a trustee of the state school of agriculture for term of one year. This completes the board of trustees for the new institution. The full board as now made up is as follows: Gov. John A. Mead and Orlando L. Martin of Plainfield, commissioner of agriculture, ex-officio; Timothy G. Bronson of Hardwick; Henry Lee Hatch of Stratford and George T. Chaffee of Rutland. Other appointments made Wednesday by the governor were Dr. W. Scott Noy of Underhill and Dr. E. D. Whitaker of Barre to be delegates to the council of medical education at Chicago May 1, 2 and 3, 1911.

GIVEN A HEARING

In Case of W. W. Marshall vs. Village
of Hardwick.

Hardwick, Dec. 30.—A hearing before the public service commission was held here yesterday in the case of W. W. Marshall vs. the village of Hardwick, concerning electric light bills in the town. The case was heard by the commission owned by Marshall. It is a rule of the village that all incoming bills must be paid before incoming tenants take possession, and Marshall absolutely refuses to be responsible for the bills left by his tenants. Marshall demanded a hearing, as he said discrimination had been shown when lights had been turned on for others. A compromise was effected pending the outcome of a case now before the supreme court. Bullard and Morse appeared for the village and Dutton and Muleady for Marshall.

G. C. Valle, 81 years of age, joined the young people in skating last week at Island Pond. He seemed to enjoy the pastime as much as if he were fifty years younger.

INTRODUCED
TESTIMONYThough Respondent Wished
to Waive His Hearing

GROWING OUT OF A RAID

State's Attorney Carver Insisted on
Presenting Some Evidence Before
City Court To-day, After Which
Respondent Was Bound Over.

A hearing in the case of John Gallagher, charged with illegal selling